

Stop Greatest Vote-Steal in History!

State Control Balked Soldier Vote in Nov.

By John Meldon

The cry of the poll-taxers and reactionary Republicans for "state rights" and state jurisdiction in conducting the soldier vote stands condemned from the results of the recent November elections.

It is now December, and thus far, of the 16,400 war ballots sent to troops from New York City now stationed overseas, only 3,500 ballots have found their way home to be counted. Of the 61,000 war ballots mailed to New York City soldiers in domestic camps, there is no figure available on returns, but it is known that the number is small. It

will be some time before the slow trickle of returning ballots are finally tabulated.

When the State War Ballot Commission contacted the heads of the U. S. armed forces in 1942 and asked that they cooperate in reaching all New York State soldiers at home and overseas, there was a justifiable squawk from the Army and Navy. They pointed out that an enormous amount of checking, tracing, mailing, clerical work, and more important of all, time would be needed to accomplish the task.

"We're busy fighting a war" was the substance of their complaint.

THROTTLES MASS VOTE

So after the 1942 fiasco, in 1943 the state adopted the system whereby any soldier who wanted to vote would have to make out an application and send it in. And here we see the thoroughly undemocratic nature of state controlled war balloting. Out of the 600,000 New York City men in the services, only 61,000, or ten per cent were able to use their right to vote last November. That's what happens under the present system!

Only yesterday, Governor Charles Edison of New Jersey felt it necessary to open an investigation of the "apparent deficiencies" in the conduct of state handling of balloting among the armed forces.

What caused the governor to be so concerned? The answer was this: of the 76,410 war ballots sent out to New Jersey soldiers for the November elections, and 85,497 for the September primary, only 12,516 were returned in November and only 9,439 in September. Thousands, in effect, were disfranchised.

Some states have laws which make it virtually impossible for their soldiers to cast a ballot. For instance, California's law says the ballot must be mailed no earlier than 20 days before election. Wisconsin allows only 12 days. Who's kidding?

How can our several million dollars, including the women in the services, vote under such laws?

The opponents of the Green-Lucas soldier-vote bill would maintain snarled and inefficient red-tape system in the 48 states in the approaching 1944 Presidential election. The Green-Lucas bill would put the war balloting under Federal supervision, the method to be worked out by a policy committee of four Democrats and four Republicans.

Otherwise, like 10,000,000 millions now disfranchised in the south by the poll tax, millions of other Americans in our armed forces will be denied the right to vote in the coming critical 1944 elections.

BULLETINS

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, Dec. 9 (UP).—A United States battle fleet including carriers has made a combined ship bombardment and airplane attack on the Japanese phosphate island of Nanpo, west of the newly conquered Gilberts and just below the Marshalls.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Friday, Dec. 10 (UP).—Australian infantrymen captured Waeo, principal defense anchor of the Japanese positions on the Huon Peninsula, New Guinea, Wednesday and drove one mile beyond it before encountering enemy rear guard resistance, it was announced today.

Above all, the scheme of the opponents of the bill to wrangle and cause delay until it is too late must be brought to a halt by an avalanche of angry uncompromising protest.

Pass the Green-Lucas bill without delay!

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SIDNEY HILLMAN

Soldier Vote No. 1 Issue, CIO Says

By Eva Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The CIO today rallied all labor and other people's organizations to support legislation granting soldiers the right to vote.

"This issue is No. 1 on the list of all liberal and progressive forces in the United States," Sidney Hillman, Chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee stated today.

Taking note of the "rising resentment against the cynical and brutal action" of the Senate in defeating the Lucas-Green bill, Hillman declared:

"The issue cannot be dodged. Nothing that can be written into a political platform in 1944 can cover the stain that this open conspiracy against democracy has put upon both the Republican and Democratic Parties.

"The Senate's 42 to 37 vote to kill the Lucas-Green bill on the false cry of 'states' rights' means that the men who went ashore at Tarawa, at Salerno, Sicily, Algiers and Guadalcanal, who brave death in planes and ships day and night to give reality to the Atlantic charter and the Four Freedoms, are in practice to be denied the elementary democratic right to vote."

United Auto Workers leader R. J. Thomas wired all Regional UAW officials to get started on this fight and declared that the "soldier vote bill is now the center of the fight for free suffrage. The poll tax fight has become the fight for the passage of H.R. 7. The Republicans have made a deal with poll taxers to kill both bills."

CIO POLITICAL DRIVE ROLLS INTO HIGH GEAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The political arm of the CIO is beginning to swing into action, Hillman made plain.

With the appointment of four additional headquarters in New York, and issuance of the first directive to all Regional officials, the committee is getting set to tackle the job of registration and mobilization of all progressive forces for the coming elections.

At a press conference today, held immediately after a meeting of the Political Action Committee, Hillman disclosed plans for labor's activity in the 1944 elections and the CIO goal of giving "organized expression to the growing political awareness of the common people."

The four Regional Directors just appointed are Irving Abramson for the New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area; John Kroll for Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia; Roy Atkinson for Washington, Montana and Idaho and August Scholle for Michigan.

Referring to the "splendid response" the CIO's political action campaign has met with throughout the country, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers leader underscored that to be effective the movement must reach "farm and other progressive groups and all the common men and women of America."

He praised the "marvelous record of ships, planes, tanks and guns" referring to Stalin's statement at Tehran that "without American production the United Nations could never have won the war."

Consumers Rock Capitol on Subsidies

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Four hundred representatives of labor, farmers, consumer and white collar organizations pounded the corridors of the Capitol in a powerful and impressive people's lobby for the administration's subsidy program. This people's lobby came to Washington under the auspices of the Congressional Committee for Protection of Consumers, including more than 60 Congressmen. It met in all-day conference in the marble-lined caucus room of the Old House Office Building.

But the conference adjourned for a long lunch period, and delegates filtered in and out during the meeting so that they could attend to their major business—putting the heat on the Senate where the Banking and Currency Committee is winding up hearings and the subsidy issue may soon come to a showdown.

PRESSURE REPUBLICANS

State delegations walked across Capitol Hill to the Senate and lobbied their own Senators. There was a definite concentration on Republican Senators who were opposed to subsidies or were shaky on the issue.

Powerful, united automobile workers delegations conferred with the two Republican Senators from Michigan, Homer Ferguson and Arthur Vandenberg.

A strong New Jersey delegation that included farm groups as well as unions met with Senator Albert Hawkes, the Republican who was former president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, and with Arthur Walsh, Governor Edison's recent Democratic appointee.

NAM Chiefs Assail Four Freedoms

Attacks upon the Roosevelt administration and the "four freedoms" provided the theme for the second War-time Conference of Industry sponsored by the National Association of Manufacturers at the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday.

"Only a man in jail can enjoy the four freedoms" was the startling statement of Frederick C. Crawford, president of the NAM, in what was the keynote speech of the day.

Crawford demanded that "freedom of opportunity" be substituted for the "two negative freedoms, freedom from fear and freedom from want." He also made a bold bid for political leadership by "industrial management."

"As never before," he said, "the people need leadership... Through our war production, the American people have developed profound respect for the leadership of American industrial management in war industry."

CONSTANT ATTACKS

His speech was marked by constant attack upon the "planners" and those who want to "goose-step or strait-jacket" our economy. Obviously he was referring to the nation's war administration and its planning of war production.

This speech and that of the other speakers—Walter Weisenburger, executive vice-president of the NAM, and H. W. Prentiss, Jr., president of the Armstrong Cork Co. and past NAM president, were aimed entirely at insuring "the free flow of capital" following the war.

They insisted upon an immediate revision of the tax structure to decrease taxes on corporations (which have mounted up such high profits in the war) on the grounds that corporations should have a lot of capital to expand in the post-war period.

In unanimous demands, they insisted upon elimination of the necessary war-time controls in order to press for a premature reconversion. They disregarded entirely the warnings of C. E. Wilson, executive vice-chairman of the War Production Board, uttered at the session of the preceding day.

Prentiss, who is the head of the

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Soviets Drive On Kirovgrad; Doom Znamenka

LONDON, Dec. 9 (UP).—Soviet forces tightened their siege arc about the Dnieper Bend escape junction of Znamenka today and developed a threat toward the industrial center of Kirovgrad while, according to German admission, forces northwest of the rail hub effected a junction with Red Army units in the Cherkassy bridgehead, closing a gap of 45 miles.

After two days of retirement before the pressure of overwhelming German tank and infantry attacks, Gen. Nikolai F. Vatutin's First Ukrainian Army turned back the assaults of Field Marshal Fritz Erich von Manstein's Nazi forces in the Chernyakhov sector of the western tip of the Kiev salient, Moscow's Operational Communique reported.

To the south, Gen. Ivan S. Konev's Second Ukrainian Army, driving closer to Znamenka, key point in the rail system feeding the Germans within the Dnieper Bend, advanced six miles along the Nikolaev railroad and captured the railway station on Medvevo, 10 miles south of Znamenka.

TAKE NAZI STRONG POINTS

Fourteen other heavily fortified German strong points were taken in the Soviet drive from Kremenchuk, which carried to Petrovo, 49 miles south of Kremenchuk on the Ingulets River.

Meanwhile, it was disclosed in Moscow that planes of the Soviet northern fleet attacked three heavily-escorted German convoys attempting to reach the Finnish port of Petsamo through Varanger Bay. Nine ships were sunk, three were damaged and 28 fighter planes were shot down.

The focal point of the Soviet offensive fighting remained in the Dnieper Bend, southwest of Kremenchuk, where Konev was gradually strangling Znamenka and simultaneously developing his threat toward Kirovgrad, a major German supply point and defense base 21 miles to the southwest.

With three of the four rail routes into Znamenka cut, Soviet columns were moving on the junction from the northwest, east and south, and it appeared only a matter of time until the German communications hub would fall.

Smashing west of the railroad which runs northwestward from Znamenka to Smela and on to Zhitomir, one Red Army column stormed and captured Elizavetgrad, 19 miles northeast of Kirovgrad, placing the industrial city under immediate threat of assault.

Hardened snow covering the ground west and southwest of Kremenchuk finally enabled the Soviets to accelerate their movement and intensify their drive on Znamenka and Kirovgrad, front dispatches relayed by Moscow said.

Dominates Valley; British Push Inland

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Dec. 9 (UP).—Fifth Army troops have seized new heights north and west of their Mt. Maggiore salient, completing Allied domination of the lower Liri Valley, and the British Eighth Army has struck inland from the Adriatic in heavy fighting that may presage a pincers drive on Rome, it was disclosed today.

American troops advancing down the north slope of Mt. Maggiore were less than a mile from the valley, official reports said, after scaling the precipitous peaks.

In the Maggiore-Camino area itself, Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's American and British troops cleaned out all enemy pockets of resistance except one on the extreme northwest slope of Maggiore and another in the village of Rocca D'Evandro, on the western slope of Camino.

By-passing the enemy pocket at Rocca D'Evandro, British troops smashed through lightly resisting German rear-guards and captured Mt. Croce, two miles west of the end of Mt. Camino, the third peak of that name to be occupied in the drive up from Naples. The advance carried the British almost to the banks of the Garigliano river just before it is joined by the Liri. Both rivers had been swollen by rains but were subsiding rapidly with clearing weather.

Fifteen miles north of Mt. Maggiore, Clark's American right wing smashed into thick German defenses and captured high ground west of Venafro, drawing more lightly the loop around Mignano, key to the main pass into the Liri Valley. The entire 11 mile distance of the Rome railroad from Mignano to Cassino now was dominated by Allied guns.

The Germans were reported counter-attacking strongly but ineffectually with artillery in the Venafro sector and also were lashing back at other Americans still farther north who were clearing out enemy pill-boxes in the hills west of Mignano.

Official reports disclosed that one of the hardest battles of the Mt. Camino campaign centered in the village of Calabritto, five miles southwest of Mignano, which changed hands many times in the course of six days of furious fighting between British and German troops. Heavy casualties were suffered by both sides before the British finally won firm control of the town.

Clark Lauds Negro Unit in Italy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (UP).—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson reported today that the 450th Anti-Aircraft battalion, first Negro combat unit to reach Italy, has been commended by Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark, Fifth Army Commander "for courage and efficiency."

Hull Says U. S. Will Aid Yugoslavs Who Fight Nazis

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (UP).—Secretary of State Cordell Hull said today that it is the policy of the United States and of all Allied governments to furnish supplies to any group in Yugoslavia which is effectively fighting the Germans.

Asked about this government's attitude toward a request by the Yugoslav Partisan Provisional Government for lend-lease aid, Hull said the United States has not yet come to the question of mechanics so far as lend-lease is concerned.

Mechanics are not important, he added.

It was understood that the United States is in full agreement with the statement made in Commons yesterday by Minister of State Richard K. Law that the British are supplying more aid to the Partisans than to Gen. Draza Mihailovich because the Partisans at present are more active against the Germans.

TITO TO ASK FOR LEND-LEASE

LONDON, Dec. 9 (UP).—Marshal Tito's Yugoslav Partisan government announced over its radio today that it had decided to ask lend-lease aid in order to carry on its fight against the Germans, and to seek representation on the Allied Advisory Commission for Mediterranean Affairs.

Mihailo Petrovic, spokesman for the South Slav Committee organized here to support Tito, predicted in a statement that the Partisan government would eventually replace the Yugoslav government-in-exile at Cairo as the legal government of the country.

In a communique today the Partisans asserted their forces had driven across the Italian frontier in the Istrian peninsula a big raid on German railroad communications.

In Slovenia, the communique reported, the Partisans destroyed a bridge and a 130-yard stretch of tracks of the Ljubljana-Trieste railroad at Koritnica, about 50 miles west of Ljubljana. This line connects Yugoslavia, Austria and Hungary with Trieste and is a side line to the main railroad connecting Germany with Italy.

Stimson Lauds Stalin's Fairness

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (UP).—Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin and Marshal Klement Voroshilov "contributed mightily to the success" of the Tehran conference, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said today after reviewing the minutes of the conference.

"Marshal Stalin's power of lucid analysis and the fairness of his attitude contributed strongly to the solution of several long-standing problems," Stimson said at a press conference.

The Secretary also said that after two years of warfare and a year of almost unbroken successes, the United States is only barely entering the phase of the war in which it begins to weigh heavily on all the nations involved.

What You Can Do NOW To Help Get Soldier Vote

1—Write Senators Robert F. Wagner and James M. Mead. Ask them to call for reconsideration of the Soldiers' Vote bill in the Senate. Urge them to make public statements quickly.

2—Write Chairman Eugene Worley, House Privileges and Elections Committee, urging that his Committee report favorably on comprehensive federal legislation as proposed in the original measure discarded by the Senate last Friday. (Poll-tax Congressman John Rankin, also a member of this Committee, will insist upon approval of the substitute motion as passed by the Senate.)

3—Write your Congressman. Call upon him to work for a unified federal arrangement which will guarantee the free ballot to every soldier and sailor citizen and to every other citizen in the wartime service of his country whether in the homeland or overseas.

Foray in the Marshall Islands

By a Veteran Commander

On the War Fronts

THE Navy reports that the strongest task force ever sent by us against the Japanese island outposts attacked Ebeye, Roi and Wotje in the Marshall group last Saturday. At least four aircraft carriers took part in the expedition. Seventy-two enemy planes were shot out of the sky and many more destroyed on the ground. Six ships, including two light cruisers (the class in which the enemy has suffered the greatest losses in this war) were sunk and four transports damaged. Our air losses were reported to be light (thus it is reasonable to assume that the air-ratio in combat remained close to the usual 13-1). Only one of our ships was reported slightly damaged. It would be logical to expect that amphibious action against these islands and Jaluit itself is not far off.

At the other end of the southern Japanese arc, Allied planes struck at the Andaman Islands in the Gulf of Bengal. In the center of that arc we pounded New Britain and registered advances on Bougainville and in New Guinea.

Chinese forces have recaptured Changteh, according to the latest report, and have recaptured a number of towns among which is Tehshan, east of Changteh. An important development is the fact that Chinese forces are reported to have broken into Sinyang which controls the narrow "windpipe" which connects the Japanese place d'armes in the Hankow-Changteh area with their northern front.

IN ITALY, the Fifth Army captured the summit of Mount Camino and is reported to have emerged into the valley leading to Rome. However, there are plenty of tough obstacles and defenses ahead on that road and optimistic reports (unofficial) about a "German flight" should be taken with a grain of salt. Such reports came last week from the Eighth Army front, but have not been substantiated. At least the map definitely does not show it.

TERRIFIED by Turkey's stirrings and by the shaky attitude of Bulgaria, the Germans are pressing their campaign against the Yugoslav Army of Liberation. The fighting has spread over a 200-mile front, from the Sarajevo area to the headwaters of the Vardar. By a determined attack against Marshal Tito's center in Bosnia the Germans obviously intend to split his forces in Montenegro and the Sandjak from those fighting in western Croatia. The heaviest fighting is taking place around Sarajevo, near Travnik, Tuzla, Imotski, Makro, Livno and Duvno.

It appears that the Germans are using parts of the salvaged French fleet and captured units of the Italian fleet in the Adriatic where they are reported to have 15-20 destroyers, nine corvettes and 20-30 torpedo boats.

ON THE Eastern Front the situation can be put in a nutshell: the Germans have resumed their attacks in the Korosten-Chernyakhov area with tremendous tank and infantry forces and are making some tactical progress in the sector of Charnyakhov. However, that progress so far amounts to a dozen miles for the past month, which is infinitesimal. In the Bend, General Konev is advancing very successfully and has cut three of the four railroads centering on Znamenka which is the most important railroad center in the Bend. He has captured Novaya Praga, half-way between Alexandria and Kirovograd, a place which is the nexus of six major highways.

Nothing of importance happened on the other sectors of the front.

NAM Chiefs Assail Four Freedoms

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NAM's Legislative Policy Committee, stated that the Congress constitutes "the only dependable defense line that stands between the American people and National Socialism." This suggestion that our federal wartime administration is the same as Hitler's regime, is one of the most seditious utterances ever made before the NAM.

To a people fighting against fascism Prentiss could only say that our government is fascist. The implication is that he considers the American government the enemy.

To make this clear, Prentiss then said: "The task forces of those who seek to undermine the governmental system under which America has grown great have entrenched themselves strongly in the foxholes,

pill boxes and fortress of bureaucracy.

"To loosen the throttle hold they have secured on the throat of private competitive business—one of the vital bastions of our freedom—is a job that will call for every bit of intelligence and zeal that American business managers possess."

"FREE ENTERPRISE"

The 1944 platform of the NAM, adopted yesterday, stresses the same demands for the "easing of wartime controls" and for "free private enterprise."

"Employment in industry," the platform says, "will be speeded up if wartime controls are ended as soon as practicable after hostilities cease, if wartime taxes are then reduced and if the government pays its debts promptly when it cancels contracts."

Distinct differences of opinion among the 4,000 delegates at the conference were apparent from varying reactions of the audience to different points of view expressed during the sessions. The reactionary position of the leadership was apparent, however, from the speeches of the men mentioned and they dominated the discussions.

Negro Teachers File U. S. Suit on Salaries

JACKSON, Tenn. (FP).—Negro teachers here have filed suit in Federal court asking equal salaries with white teachers on the ground that unequal salaries for the same work solely on grounds of color are a violation of the 14th amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

They are asking also that a referee be appointed "to ascertain and report on the amount of back salary due to the plaintiffs, or which the plaintiff would have been paid were it not for the unconstitutional discrimination."

More than a month ago, the complaint alleges, a petition on behalf of the teachers was filed with the defendants but the petition was ignored. The plaintiffs were "not even favored with the courtesy of a reply," they say.

'Lenin in October' To Be Shown Friday

V. J. Jerome will be commentator on the film "Lenin in October," which will be shown this Friday night, Dec. 10, as part of a course in the history of the Soviet Union in films. Mr. Jerome will discuss the importance of the October Revolution in the light of current events.

The movie will be run off at Tom Mooney Hall, 13 Astor Place, third floor auditorium, at 8:30 P.M. Admission to the remaining nine movies is \$3.50; single admissions are 50 cents.

Krzycki, Leader Of Slav Congress, Hails Tehran Talk

Pledging to wage an increasingly effective struggle for unity of American-Slavs behind the war program of the United Nations, Leo Krzycki, president of the American Slav Congress, hailed the Tehran conference as a "step forward on the road to victory and a democratic, peaceful world in the future."

Recognizing the Tehran statement as the forerunner of a new and all-inclusive offensive against Nazi Germany, Mr. Krzycki's statement noted that the forthcoming land assault "will also bring closer the day of liberation of the Slav people temporarily enslaved by the Nazis."

"In this struggle for freedom," he said, "the Allies will find true comrades-in-arms in the heroic people of Yugoslavia, who, under the banner of the National Army of Liberation, are carrying on a relentless struggle against the Nazis."

ILD Launches 18th Annual XmasAid Drive

Opening of the eighteenth annual Christmas drive for labor prisoners and their families was announced this week by Vito Marcantonio, president of the International Labor Defense.

The campaign, in which hundreds of labor and civic organizations, and thousands of individuals take part each year, provides special holiday cheer for labor and political prisoners and their families, and for the families of those killed in labor struggles. In addition, the drive is used to replenish the fund from which regular monthly assistance is given to these men and women on the ILD relief rolls throughout the year.

Among the prisoners on the ILD rolls are the Scottsboro boys and their families; Charles Book and Ernest Mullins, union coal miners in West Virginia, sentenced to 99 years imprisonment on a murder frame-up; Reginald Thomas, New York Negro anti-fascist leader serving four years in Sing Sing on an assault frame-up; Roy Gray, Robert Warren and Ned Cobb, 100 sharecroppers serving 15 year murder frame-up sentences in Alabama since 1932. On the list also are the widows of New Mexico union coal miners, of Alabama share-cropper organizers, Harlan miners, and of victims of the Memorial Day Massacre in Chicago, 1937.

"The war years make the lives of the prisoners, their wives, children, mothers and other dependents even more difficult than for the rest of us," Mr. Marcantonio said.

"The men in jail are doubly tried. They are deprived not only of their freedom, but of the right to take their place alongside their fellow-citizens for participation in the war to defend democracy against fascism.

"In the midst of the many wartime activities, we cannot forget these brave men who have been locked away so many years behind iron bars."

"I ask the labor movement and progressive people everywhere again to remember them—through the I. L. D. Christmas Drive, which brings money for special Christmas cheer, packages of clothing, candy, prison comforts, to the prisoners and their families."

Packhouse Union Seeks Latin-American Tie

CHICAGO (FP).—The United Packinghouse Workers (CIO) has set up a special Latin American labor committee and has already made direct contact with the Federation of Meat Cutters of Argentina.

Red Army Not Only Liberates Towns, But Helps Rebuild Them

By John Gibbons

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Dec. 9.—Eight months ago when the Germans were driven out of Demyansk and the Demyansk district (Leningrad province) they left behind something like two million concealed mines and a wilderness of ghost towns and villages.

A bare 1,500 of Demyansk's 18,000 pre-war population greeted the Red Army when they entered the town last March.

But those who have survived the nightmare of Hitler's New Order in the Demyansk district have performed miracles of reconstruction which typify the fight-and-win spirit of the Russian people. One hundred and fifty of the 214 utterly ruined collective farms have now been restored.

With the aid of Red Army men quartered in the area, new cottages were built on the ashes of the old. The cavalrymen helped with the

ploughing, and the mechanics from tank units repaired the tractors. Red Army men helped with the reaping as well as with the sowing and the splendid crops put the farmers back on their feet.

Nearly 9,000 cattle, part of the livestock that had been evacuated before the German occupation, arrived from Vologda province. The collective farmers in the neighboring districts which had fortunately escaped the horrors of occupation presented the Demyansk people with 70 horses and 100 milk cows. Bricklayers and carpenters, aided by women and children, are hard at work rebuilding the dwelling houses and the 83 schools that were burned by the enemy.

Last September when I walked among the ruins of Kharkov, I was under the impression that it would take many months before even the wreckage could be cleared away. People had to walk a mile and some walked two miles for a

Slovak Fascists Work With Pole Gov't

By Calvin Brook
(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 9.—In a nutshell, what the Slovak fascists are trying to do is to perpetuate the artificial regime of Slovakia. It was set up under Hitler's auspices and they hope it will be run under American auspices and directed against the Soviet Union in post-war Europe.

That is the meaning of the directive issued by the secret conference at Ruzomberok, Slovakia, last August, which I revealed in yesterday's article in the Daily Worker.

"Decisions concerning the future of Slovakia should be left to American Slovaks," was the keynote of the instructions sent by Hitler's Slovak puppets to men like Milan Hodza and the leaders of the Slovak League in America.

But in trying to perpetuate an "independent Slovakia," which is another way of trying to prevent a united Czechoslovakia, friendly to the Soviet Union, the Slovak fascists here use many different means.

One is to seek closer ties with the Polish government-in-exile. Another is to cater to British appeasers. A third is to blackmail the Roosevelt administration with the important vote of Slovak Americans in a number of eastern and midwestern industrial areas.

A fourth is to join with such figures as William Bullitt in projecting some kind of anti-Soviet federation for central Europe.

Polish Priest to Urge Soviet Tie

Prominent Polish-Americans will discuss the importance of friendly Polish-Soviet relations as essential to enduring world peace at a meeting to be held Sunday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 P.M. at Town Hall, 123 West 43rd St., Manhattan.

The meeting, to be held under the auspices of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship, will have among its speakers: Professor Oscar Lange of the University of Chicago; the Rev. Father S. Orlemanski, famous Polish priest and founder of the Kosciuszko Legion; Leo Krzycki, chairman of the Slav Congress; Julian Yuwim, prominent Polish poet; and Corliss Lamont, chairman of the National Council who will preside at the meeting.

Pa. Communists Push Registration

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—The Pennsylvania State Committee of the Communist Party yesterday renewed its appeal to its members to "stand up and be counted" so that registration may be accomplished in the shortest possible time. The sooner this is done, the sooner will the entire Party be able to "keep up and participate in the shaping of the great events which loom ahead, now and in the crucial 1944 election."

Since the first appeal was made in November, 60 per cent of the state membership has registered. Philadelphia is 60 per cent in. Upstate sections and eastern Pennsylvania (Anthraxite, Lehigh and southeastern Pennsylvania) are 70 per cent finished. Western Pennsylvania only eight per cent. Leading sections are Anthracite, Lehigh and the 1st and 7th Congressional Districts in Philadelphia. These sections are running neck and neck between 80 and 85 per cent complete.

Chicago IWO Honors Bedacht

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 9.—Members of the International Workers' Order in the Chicago area will assemble in a mass meeting on Saturday, Dec. 11, in the Grand Ballroom of the Midland Hotel to celebrate the birthday of Max Bedacht, the leader's national leader. Bedacht, a famous Polish-born Ukrainian chorus, and enlisted member of the United States Navy's Great Lakes Training Station will provide the entertainment.

BBC Gets an Earful On Mosley Release

By Ivor Montagu
(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Tuesday was "Deputations Day," and the largest delegations in recent memory visited the House of Commons on Mosley's release, to the number of 1,711, representing 1,848,000 workers from all parts of the country.

From the banks of the Clyde, and the seaside and coal-pits of South Wales, from the giant war factories of the Midlands and the shipyards of Barrow, and from the cotton mills of Lancashire, Glasgow and Manchester, delegates traveled through the night to London to meet their elusive Members of Parliament.

A woman delegate whose son was recently killed at sea, challenged Lady Astor.

In Parliament, Edwards, a Labor MP from Middlebrough, declared that a young aviator of his constituency asked him "What are you going to do about Mosley? My place is seething, and everyone is wondering what it's all about."

MEN WONDER

"Last night I went on my first operation over Berlin. It was a hell of a show. We got back, but 30 of our machines didn't."

"Men wonder what it's all about when we bomb war criminals over there while Quislings at home are being let loose."

Edwards said in concluding that this same young aviator who had spoken thus to him had been killed in action the previous night.

The town council of Coventry—first of the British towns to be blitz-bombed by the Nazis—passed by an overwhelming majority a resolution demanding the re-arrest of Sir Oswald Mosley.

These programs are a regular mid-

In a letter to the N. Y. Times of Nov. 14, 1943, Hodza even grasps at the Moscow conference's declaration with regard to Austria's independence, and expresses the hope that Austria might be a kernel for such an artificial federation.

Or take the newspaper of the Slovak League in Pennsylvania, the Slovenska Obrana for Nov. 19. It attacks President Roosevelt's message to Congress in which he promised that Hitler's quislings would face the same punishment as the Nazi war criminals.

"He himself," says this paper, meaning Roosevelt, "will not be able to face the Jews, Free Masons, international financiers, Protestant preachers and Catholic apologists of recent Czechoslovakia whose writings and actions are pro-Czech and thus anti-Slovak."

The Goebbels theme is typical, both in its language and its irrationality. But most readers may not appreciate the reference to "Catholic apologists."

That is aimed at a group of patriotic Slovak Catholic priests, led by Msgr. Stephen Krasula of New York who on Dec. 17, 1941, in Passaic, New Jersey, condemned the present regime of Slovakia for declaring war on the United States.

Elmer Davis, head of the OWI, criticized last June the carryings-on of the "Greater Serbia" crowd among the Yugoslavs. It is high time both the OWI and the Department of Justice did something to protect patriotic American Slovaks from the ravages of the fascist Slovaks still operating openly among us.

Soviet Doctor at Forum in Bronx

Professor Valdimir Lebedenko, representative of the Red Cross and Red Crescent of the USSR in the United States will speak with Dr. Gregory Zilboorg, psychiatrist at the Concourse Plaza Hotel, Thursday, December 16, at 8:30 P. M. at a forum on "Wartime Medicine in the Soviet Union." The affair is sponsored by the Russian War Relief Physicians Committee, the North Bronx Medical Society,

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Albany ALP Nails Post-Riesel Fraud

Stresses Support Of FDR's Program

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ALBANY, Dec. 9.—Statements by a New York afternoon newspaper that the Albany County American Labor Party is working with Governor Dewey against the local Democratic organization are "wholly false," Morris Zuckman, Albany ALP chairman, declared here yesterday.

The Albany ALP is busily engaged in a campaign to support President Roosevelt's foreign and domestic policies, Mr. Zuckman said, and was not participating in any "Dewey shenanigans."

Mr. Zuckman's statement was occasioned by a column in the New York Post of December 3 in which Victor Riesel, Post Labor writer, said that the Albany ALP has appointed a three-man committee to collect the party's grievances against the O'Connells.

NAILS POST SCHEME

Reason for the Riesel column, according to Mr. Zuckman, is the renewed campaign by the ALP State Committee forces to regain ground lost up-state in recent primaries to supporters of Sidney Hillman, leader of the CIO Political Action Committee.

The Riesel column, Mr. Zuckman adds, is simply preliminary to State ALP efforts "to take over the Albany ALP, in cooperation with the Dewey Forces," in the Spring primaries.

The full text of Mr. Zuckman's statement follows:

"Irresponsible statements in a New York afternoon newspaper would make it appear that the Albany American Labor Party is cooperating with Governor Dewey's attempts to make political capital at the expense of the people of Albany."

"The statement by Victor Riesel in the December 3rd issue of the New York Post that 'Charles Campbell, up-state director of the ALP, will meet soon with Albany's ALP leaders to plan for cooperation with the Grand Jury on a political fishing expedition is absolutely false.'"

"As chairman of the Albany County ALP I can state that Mr. Riesel's statement that 'the Albany ALP has appointed a three-man committee to collect the party's grievances against the O'Connells' is pure fabrication."

"The Albany County ALP is interested primarily in rallying the people of our county behind the Commander-in-Chief for the energetic prosecution of the war. We are presently engaged in a vigorous drive to back President Roosevelt in his effort to win subsidies so that America can hold the line against inflation and the consumer can obtain adequate food. We are also interested in a tax program based on ability to pay, prompt passage of the Worley bill giving the soldiers the right to vote and similar vitally needed legislation."

"The carpet-bagging Mr. Campbell is, of course, only an agent for the Dubinsky machine in the State ALP. He seeks to prevent the unity of the ALP behind the President. He will fail in that. The ALP is gathering behind the Pro-Roosevelt program of Sidney Hillman, head of the CIO Political Action Committee."

To Talk on 3-Power Parley

Emphasizing the new vistas opened up for cooperation between the two social systems of capitalism and socialism, Joseph Starobin, of the Daily Worker Foreign Department, will analyze the Cairo and Tehran conference at a meeting Sunday night in the Workers School, 35 E. 12th St.



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Lunch-time on the Production Line. Women war workers in an upstate aircraft factory have plenty of problems to discuss over their sandwiches and coffee. These women are typical of the delegates who will take part in New York's first State Conference of Women Workers, to be held in Pythian Plaza, New York City, Saturday, Dec. 11 at 10 A.M.

Idlewild Attack Seen Endangering City Post-War Plan

The current attack on Mayor LaGuardia's billion dollar post-war construction and work program reached new and dangerous proportions yesterday when the alleged liberal New York Evening Post joined reactionary real estate interests and Tory politicians in an all-out campaign to slash from the 1944 capital budget appropriation for construction of the vast, modern Idlewild Airport in Queens.

Lining up with the Citizens Budget Commission, organization of rent-biting land and real estate sharks, the Post, in a signed article by Malcolm Logan, attacks the airport appropriation, charging the Mayor "failed to take 'either the City Council or the city at large' into his confidence concerning the fact that more than 99 per cent of the airport's cost (\$100,000,000) would come out of city funds."

This cost percentage may or may not be the truth. But the important fact remains that the airport as planned by the Mayor—and considerable publicity has been given the matter—is deemed necessary by both civilian and military aviation experts. It will be one of the largest airports in the United States and, according to plans already announced, is being projected to meet expected large-scale post-war aviation expansion, including commercial, military and private flying.

MILITARY NEEDS

Immediate construction plans for which the Board of Estimate allocated \$12,154,000 to the capital budget last week, are concerned chiefly with present emergency military needs.

The opponents of the appropriation—and they include City Council Vice-Chairman Joseph T. Sharkey and lame duck Councilman Louis Cohen of the Bronx—have placed themselves in the position of actually opposing a war project as well as post-war aviation expansion.

The fight over the airport is expected to reach a climax at the City Council hearing on the budget next Thursday afternoon.

What seems to rankle reactionary real estate interests, the Evening Post and a few out-dated politicians is the fact that the airport blueprint has been revised since it was first conceived to keep step with the progress of modern aviation. And airports do cost money. And money for such capital construction when contracted by the municipality, must come from taxes on real estate.

It is quite clear there is nothing petty about the Idlewild plan. According to information available to everyone, the Mayor visualized development of the field into a vast terminal for trans-Atlantic round-the-world and trans-continental planes—an airport six times larger than LaGuardia Field.

Blueprints for the field, despite real estate opposition, have been hailed by foresighted aviation experts throughout the country as one of the major progressive ventures to meet future aviation needs.

It will cost money, perhaps considerable money. And so will all the city's post-war projects—the schools, the hospitals, the recreation, health and welfare centers planned in the current capital budget. Real estate interests have declared against all this construction. And now the Post, boasting a social-democratic outlook, has joined the hue and cry. But the common man, it would seem, who is fighting the war to create a better world, may be of a different opinion.

Italian-Americans Hear Donini

A mass meeting of Italian-Americans heard Prof. Ambrogio Donini, editor of L'Unita del Popolo, and former professor at the University of Rome, outline ways and means for helping the people of liberated Italy achieve democracy, on Tuesday night.

Gov't Bureau Aid for Negro Children Looms

By Eva Lapin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The severe plight of Negro children living in unsanitary, overcrowded and cheerless shelters in war communities was spotlighted this week by a Department of Labor Children's Bureau conference devoted to the problems of Negro children.

Recognition of the fact that less governmental assistance has been provided for Negro children and that their health and educational problems are more serious, made the conference resolve to work for the following:

Improvement and expansion of existing facilities for the day care of Negro children, and for the creation of new facilities. The Children's Bureau is planning to work with other federal agencies engaged in child care to bring about this objective.

TO EXTEND SERVICES

The Children's Bureau, noting its "responsibility to serve the needs of all the Nation's children," decided to strengthen and extend its services to Negroes in rural and urban areas, and increase the participation of qualified Negro personnel in its program.

The Bureau also agreed to place more Negroes on its standing committees to provide "adequate Negro representation."

More than sixty outstanding professional workers and members of national and local organizations attended the two day conference under Children's Bureau auspices.

Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Director of the Department of Social Sciences, Fisk University, described the plight of Negro children in graphic terms:

"Thousands are practically homeless because parents have gone to war or to work; other thousands have migrated with their families into new and unfamiliar settings; many of them to live in unhealthy, cramped, and cheerless shelters; many of them to be barred from services provided as a matter of

Branch Leadership Stressed by Communists for Crucial 1944

Foreseeing heavy responsibilities facing Communist Party branches next year "in the most crucial times in the history of our country," the national committee has requested every member throughout the land to give thought and attention to the selection of new branch officers.

The committee has directed all branches to elect such officers during the month of January, in accordance with the Party's constitution.

While the constitution provides simply for annual elections of local officers, the decision to set them everywhere for January was prompted by the necessity of establishing new branch leadership well in advance of the 1944 election campaign and before the Party's recruiting drive, which opens Feb. 12.

A letter to all branches from the national committee states, however, that annual elections in the future shall continue to take place in January. The purpose is to "regularize" election procedure, according to John Williamson, national organization secretary.

ELECTION PROCEDURE

The letter to the branches outlines the following procedure for election of branch officers:

(1) Nominations and elections are to take place at two separate meetings, both in January. All members of the branch are to be notified by card or letter of both meetings and their purpose, and an effort made to visit those who do not attend regularly. A special

Consumers Make Subsidy Demand

(Continued from Page 1)

Milk Cooperative and the Inter-County Farm Cooperative.

FARM-LABOR UNITY

A note of farm-labor unity marked the entire conference, and speakers including Rep. Usher Burdick, from the farm state of North Dakota, John A. Smith, AAA secretary in Pennsylvania, and several poultry and dairy farmers from New York and New Jersey.

"AFI groups present included the New York State Federation of Labor, the International Association of Machinists, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the Carpenters Union.

CIO unions included the Auto Workers, United Electrical and Radio Workers, United Steelworkers and United Rubber Workers.

Mary McLeod Bathune, noted Negro leader and president of the National Council of Negro Women, told the conference that the "amount of subsidies should not be controlled by haggling and bargaining."

She warned against "cheap, imitation price control" and called for "something solid and substantial enough to do the job."

Representatives of the National Education Association, the American Association of University Women, disabled American veterans and other groups addressed the conference.

Spokesmen for these and other consumer groups, including the Home Economics Association, National Federation of Settlements, National Negro Congress, Women's Trade Union League and Consumers Union also appeared before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee to plead for the subsidy program.

Boston Forum on Tehran Talk Fri.

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Dec. 9.—The first discussion of the Roosevelt-Stalin-Churchill Conference in the Greater Boston area will take place Friday at a public symposium in the Peabody House, 357 Charles Street, 8 P.M.

Speakers will be Eric Starbuck, lecturer on International Affairs; John Mitchell, Financial Secretary, Packinghouse Workers, CIO; and Ann Burlak, Executive Secretary, Communist Party. Leslie Arnold, District Literature Director, will chair the meeting.

Tale of Two Letters And Private Lipschitz

Mrs. Lee Lipschitz, 29, received two important communications this week concerning her husband, Harry, who has been serving as a private with the Seventh Army in the last year in the Mediterranean area.

The first arrived three days ago. It was a letter from Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., explaining why he was unable to grant the furlough to

Harry which Mrs. Lipschitz had requested in a personal letter to the Seventh Army Commander. Harry's furlough would have to wait on victory, the General explained, or until the shipping situation improved.

The second arrived Wednesday night. It was a telegram from the War Department, informing Mrs. Lipschitz that Harry was killed in action on Nov. 8.

The national committee to be formed by the following minimum list of officers: chairman and executive secretary, membership director, labor committee chairman, educational-press-literature director, financial secretary. If a branch has less than 15 members, these functions may be combined into three offices.

The national committee urges that every branch "examine in the most critical manner" the work of its present officers during the nominations and elections meetings, and that it elect its new officers on the basis of this examination, picking those best qualified because of their understanding of the needs of labor and of the nation at war, their integrity and their loyalty to the working class and the nation.

It suggests that among the considerations for re-election of present officers shall be success in the current campaign for consolidation and registration of all members.

The latter reminds the membership that eligibility for office includes, besides good standing, membership in the Party for six months or more, except in the case of new branches.

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Soldier Vote Ban Shows 'Fear of Democracy'-NMU

Decrying the Senate's action in sabotaging the Soldiers' Vote Bill as "contemptible politics-as-usual"—the Senate referred the issue to the 48 states—labor and progressives today appealed to the House Committee on Elections to reconsider the Lucas Soldier Vote Bill S. 1285 for passage of an effective measure.

Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, in a statement issued today, rapped the Senators who, "in denying the soldiers the right to vote, clearly demonstrate that they fear democracy more than they fear the Axis."

"Just as the poll tax was originally passed to deprive poor people of the right to vote, this present Senate Bill was passed to deprive the millions of our fighting men from expressing their democratic will as to who should represent them," the statement declared.

Speaking for the members of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, CIO, their president, Abram Flaxer, in a telegram to Washington, stated that the Senate action "was not in the spirit of the conferences at Cairo and Tehran."

CITY CIO INDIGNANT

The New York Industrial Union Council telegraphed to New York representatives in Washington expressing labor's indignation at the Senate's action and "strongly urged the House Committee to incorporate the original provision in the Lucas Bill."

Today, too, the National Negro Congress issued an appeal to the members of the House Committee on Elections to support a bill that will give the vote, without restrictions, to all members of the armed forces everywhere in the world.

Schappes Pardon Rally on Today

An emergency meeting to demand a pardon from Governor Dewey for Morris U. Schappes will be sponsored by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties this afternoon (Friday) at four o'clock.

The meeting, to be held at the headquarters of the New York Newspaper Guild, 40 E. 40th Street, will hear Henry Epstein, attorney, Clifford McAvoy, legislative director of the New York CIO Council; Professor Henry P. Fairchild of New York University; Rabbi Max Feishin, of the Radio City Synagogue, and Dr. Max Yergan, secretary of the Council on African Affairs, and Morris Schappes.

To Hold African Dance Festival at Carnegie

Charles A. Collins, executive secretary of the Negro Labor Victory Committee, today called upon New York trade unionists to support the African Dance Festival scheduled for Monday, Dec. 13, at Carnegie Hall.

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Lewis '5th Column' Aide, Says Md. CIO

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 9.—Condemnation of John L. Lewis as a "fifth columnist" and a strong reaffirmation of labor's no-strike pledge "without any qualifications or conditions" featured a series of win-the-war decisions adopted by the Seventh Annual Convention of the Maryland District of Columbia CIO convention here.

Discussion was spirited as delegates pointed to the absence of democracy in the United Mine Workers and to the fact that the miners themselves had no voice in decisions to call for general strikes. A report praising the Council's officers for their year's work, said this was accomplished in a "period marked by the disruption of labor traitor John L. Lewis and the little Lewis and other fifth columnists who would destroy our organization from within."

Only a half dozen dissenting votes were voiced against the report.

The no-strike resolution further said that "for the duration of the war there must not be any stoppages or strikes" and called for more intense effort along political lines behind the win-the-war effort "designed to meet the basic economic problems arising out of the war and to protect the interests of the common people."

Later the convention passed a resolution enthusiastically greeting the decisions of the Cairo and Tehran conferences and ordered the officers to immediately cable Churchill, Stalin and Chiang Kai-shek of the CIO's action. Speaking on that resolution, Paul Jarvis, delegate of the National Maritime Union, denounced Alfred Landon as "an enemy of the American people and the United Nations," for his recent speech sniping at the momentous conferences.

Adoption of an 11-point post-war program to guarantee employment and decent living standards, was covered in another resolution. The convention was also critical of Governor O'Connor, for not naming a CIO representative on the state's post-war planning body.

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Ask AFL Be At World Labor Parley

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—An appeal to the AFL Executive Council and all its affiliates to participate in the World Labor Congress, called by the British Trades Union Congress in London next June, went out yesterday from Local 781, Hotel & Restaurant Employees Alliance, AFL.

Labor in all the United Nations should unite not only for victory but to assure rights of working people in post-war reconstruction and to guarantee a just and lasting peace, Costas Alexiou, local president, said.

"Failure of the AFL to take part in this Congress would isolate us from the world of labor, and would reduce the prestige and influence of the AFL both at home and abroad," the union declared in its message to the Executive Council.

Foster Warns Of GOP Victory As World Peril

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BALTIMORE, Dec. 9.—Declaring that "a victory for the Republicans in the 1944 elections would be a world menace," William Z. Foster, chairman of the Communist Party, speaking here last night, urged organized labor to combat reactionary efforts to sabotage an allied victory and a progressive peace and "to play a decisive role in planning for post-war reconstruction."

Mr. Foster spoke at Ridgely Hall before a capacity audience which included a number of outstanding AFL and CIO trade union leaders. The meeting was sponsored by the Communist Party of Baltimore.

Developing the subject, "Labor and the New Stage of the War," Mr. Foster stressed the need for labor unity for political action in the 1944 elections. Before he spoke, he was presented with a scroll bearing the signatures of several hundred "war workers, trade unionists, and other citizens of Maryland and District of Columbia," who "express our warmest greetings to William Z. Foster on the occasion of half a century of his tireless work on behalf of labor and the people."

Al Lannon, secretary of the Communist Party of Maryland-D.C., spoke briefly on the need for Negro-white unity for victory and a progressive peace, and introduced Dorey A. Wilkerson, chairman of the Communist Party of Baltimore, who presided over the meeting.

Entertainment was provided by Mr. Ulysses Chambré, head of the Department of Music, Cheyney Teachers College, Cheyney, Pa., who sang a group of songs; and by the Lithuanian Accordion Players.

Blast Kills Eight

GULFPORT, Miss., Dec. 9 (UP).—Eight persons were killed and several others injured today in an explosion and fire at the Phoenix Naval Stores Co., plant five miles north of here, police reported.

Feting a Returning Hero



Sgt. Edwin Johnsen, wounded hero, just back from Italy, is greeted by Emanuel Pappas, president of CIO Local 207, United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers at a National War Fund rally at the Hills Bros. plant, Brooklyn. Unionists gave him a royal welcome in words and in cash. They pledged part of their earnings each week for distribution to war relief agencies through the CIO War Chest.

Unity Between Nat'l, N.Y. Guild in Sight

Cessation of the American Newspaper Guild probe of the Newspaper Guild of New York and the beginning of harmonious relations between the New York local and national leaders appeared definitely in the cards today.

After a meeting between New York and ANG officers,

both sides issued statements indicating that unity was in sight. Present were Milton Murray, ANG president, and Joseph M. Walsh and George Harris, vice-presidents, members of the international executive board "fact-finding commission," whose appointment and investigations had aroused wide protest among the New York members. Present also were John McManus, president, and other local officers.

The N. Y. statement withdrew, in effect, any denunciatory characterizations of the investigation and the ANG officers, and pledged N. Y. officers to cooperation to the organ of the New York Guild.

The ANG statement, addressed to IEB members, the same paper says, asked for a vote on the question of continuing the probe and in effect recommended a vote not to continue. "While it appears that there have been certain technical violations of constitutional procedures by the New York officers, the Commission does not believe its findings to date of sufficient gravity to require further proceedings by the IEB," the ANG letter, signed by Murray, Walsh and Harris, says.

Sinatra in 4-F

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 9 (UP).—Frank Sinatra reported after a physical examination at Newark Induction Center today that he has been classified 4-F, and hence will be able to continue his swoon crooning.

Furriers Chorus to Sing at Museum

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19, at 2 P.M. the chorus of the Furriers Joint Council of New York directed by Max Heifman will present a program of American and Soviet songs, under the auspices of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

In connection with the concert there will be an exhibition of "The Soviet Artist in the War."

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Labor Leaders Foresee Speedy End of Fascism

By Art Shields

More than 20 ranking CIO leaders in northern New Jersey applauded President Roosevelt, Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill in warm congratulatory messages which declared that the Tehran news meant the speedy end of fascism and the maintenance of peace.

AFL and CIO leaders in New York at the same time hailed the Tehran news enthusiastically in statements to the Daily Worker.

Some stressed the need for international labor unity to cement the Allied peoples' unity; one seaman's leader talked of the coming western front, and all predicted the crushing of the Axis.

The New Jersey leaders' messages were signed by James McLeish and Katherine Hoffman, president and secretary-treasurer respectively of the Greater Newark Industrial Union Council; by Ewald Sander, CIO regional director; by Leonard H. Goldsmith, CIO representative and by many leaders of big CIO unions in northern New Jersey.

The message, which was duplicated to each leader of the "Big Three" powers, follows:

"We wish to congratulate you on the success of the Tehran Conference.

"The accord and good mutual understanding reached there is a high point in cementing friendly relations between the United Nations.

"It augurs well for the speedy end of Hitler, Hirohito and barbaric fascism.

"It opens the way for winning the peace and maintaining it."

SEE WESTERN FRONT

"A western front and victory look a lot nearer since the Tehran meeting," said Walter Harris, New York port agent of the Marine Firemen, Oilers and Waretenders Assn. of the Pacific, yesterday at his office at 119 Broad St.

Mr. Harris said that seamen were shipping out with more eagerness than ever after getting the news.

"And now," added the port agent, "I hope American labor will quickly join up with its British and Soviet brothers and sisters in an Anglo-Soviet-American trade union committee. Labor shouldn't lag behind President Roosevelt and the other Allied leaders in uniting for victory."

William Feinberg, secretary of the American Federation of Musicians, Local 802, said:

"I hope," said Mr. Feinberg, "that everyone realizes the tremendous significance of this meeting in Tehran."

All that is necessary for the masses to do now, he declared, is to implement the conference decisions by the utmost possible support to the war effort.

Mr. Feinberg said that musicians are especially elated by the conference decisions because musicians belong to an international profession.

ASKS LABOR FOLLOW CUE

"The Tehran announcement is the best news we have had since Pearl Harbor," said Morris Gainer, business agent of Local 905 of the Painters Union, AFL.

"American labor should take a cue from the solidarity of the United Nations at Tehran and work harder than ever for international labor unity," he added.

And James McLeish, president of District 4 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, told the Daily Worker that:

"The promises of quick military action, of the durable peace to come and the world family of democratic nations is welcomed by every trade unionist and fighter against fascism in our country. The workers in the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers are proud to have made possible Premier Stalin's statement that 'without American machines the United Nations could never have won the war.'"

Signers of the Newark messages included:

John Prole, George Mufson, and Fred Schnitzer, all field representatives of the United Steel workers;

John Baldante, field representative, the United Rubber Workers;

Walter Barry, international representative, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers;

David Elliott, international representative, the Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers;

Rudy Hanson, international representative, the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers;

William Yanchek, secretary, United Automobile Workers, Local 280;

Herman Schmidt, president, Construction and Maintenance Workers, Local 1267;

Anthony Adams, field representative, United Paper, Toy and Novelty Workers;

William Rix, field representative, United Packing House Workers;

Anthony Aurelia, president, United Bakery, Confectionary and Culinary Service Employees, Local 262, CIO, and George Braverman, general organizer;

Also Sidney Locker, war activities director of the Newark CIO Council.

Brewster Workers Cheer No-Strike

For the first time since Pearl Harbor a membership meeting of Brewster Local 365, United Automobile Workers, heard an all-out win-the-war address and they received it with a prolonged standing ovation.

It was delivered by international president R. J. Thomas at Manhattan Center Wednesday night. It ran in sharp contrast to the usual line of Thomas De Lorenzo, president of the local, and the groups of Trotskyites and Socialists that surround him.

Mr. Thomas declared that winning of the war is the primary consideration of the UAW with the no-strike pledge holding force without any qualifications.

He further declared that he doesn't care what "political label" a man carried as long as he followed CIO policy and worked in the interest of the workers. Those words were not welcome to the red-baiting leadership.

In urging full support of the President, Thomas stressed political action in the coming year and more active backing of the administration on such issues as subsidies, taxes and other home front questions.

1,000 ATTEND

The UAW president lashed out sharply against the Vinson Committee of the House investigating Brewster production. He charged that the committee is out to smear all labor and that he personally, upon investigation, found efforts to picture workers as "loafing" as false.

De Lorenzo, who not long ago harangued the workers for a sympathy strike and almost always expresses reservations on the war effort, remained a silent chairman throughout the meeting. He was embarrassed, however, when one of his associates, John Hodson, a Trotskyite, rose on the floor to demand a "labor party" that would split labor support from Roosevelt. Discussion was quickly cut.

Approximately 1,000 attended the meeting.

Turk Minister Says: Basic Policy Same

ANKARA, Dec. 8 (UP).—Foreign Minister Numan Menemencioğlu said tonight that Turkey's relations with the Allies had been strengthened as the result of the Cairo conference, but that the country's foreign policy remained unchanged.

Menemencioğlu said that he, President Ismet Inonu, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill had discussed a wide range of war and post-war problems with "almost brutal" frankness, but when, at a press conference, he was asked whether the conference resulted in a change of Turkish policy, he said:

"I cannot enter into details but I will say that after working with great frankness, without sulking on anybody's part, we remain within the limits of the policy of our people's parliamentary groups and our foreign policy remains unchanged."

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WORKER SPORTS

LOWDOWN

Cissy Patterson Delves Into Sports and Comes Up Wrong—Again

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A reactionary newspaper is a reactionary newspaper whether it be in politics or in sports.

When last week's baseball meeting saw the question of Negro players discussed for the first time in major league history the four leading reactionary papers in the city (News, Mirror, Journal-American and World-Telegram) buried the news or ignored it altogether while the win-the-war papers such as the Post, the Times, the Tribune and PM gave the story prominence.

Well, now we skip lightly down to Washington and see that the Washington Times-Herald, Cissy Patterson's "paper," has started a smear campaign against Sammy Baugh and some others of the Redskins, hinting broadly that they were connected with gamblers and therefore their defeat at the hands of the Giants on Sunday was no mere coincidence.

This is a serious charge and if it is proven to be false I hope Baugh and the Redskins sue Cissy for a couple of million bucks.

Elmer Layden, commissioner of pro football, has investigated the charges and to date has found them, as was to be expected, completely without truth. However, the subject is still being perused and is not ended.

George Marshall, owner of the Redskins, yesterday was assembling the entire team and was heading for the newspaper's offices where he was going to demand a blanket apology.

All of which goes to show that a leopard cannot change its spots. Cissy Patterson will be Cissy Patterson—in politics or in sports it still gives off the same odor.

Great, Great, Great—Always Great

One of our favorite readers, and there are five now that our cousin is back in the city, complains that we use the word "great" to excess on the sports page.

This may be true, although in checking up on yesterday's column we see that we used it only seven times which is about six times under par.

I'm afraid it is true that we use the word great very often. But I think it is so because of the very nature of sports which lends itself to superlatives. There are many great athletes, many great plays, many great games.

Somehow the memory doesn't work so well and when you come fresh from a game or a fight which has held you spellbound, out trot the adjectives.

So—to our critic friend—here is a solemn promise to withhold the use of the word until the event really warrants it.

And come to think of it—that game between the Redskins and Giants on Sunday is going to be a great battle. . . . Ow. . . .

The Sporting News, official publication of organized baseball, in its latest issue, runs a photo of Paul Robeson with this caption: "Actor Robeson Makes Plea for Negro Players." . . . The lead story on page one, written by Dan Daniel, gives rather prominent play to the delegation and to Robeson's plea.

Down in the Canal Zone baseball is still being played and it is good baseball, too. Terry Moore and Mickey Harris, formerly of the Boston Red Sox, combined the other day to beat the Cuban All-Stars 6-1. Moore got two hits in four trips to the plate.

Bucky Walters of the Reds, who had a bad season this year, had his appendix removed yesterday and maybe that's what had been bothering him all those months.

Asks Debate on City Pay Raises

James V. King, president of the CIO union of city employees, has challenged Russell Cruikshank, chairman of the Real Estate Board of New York, to a public debate on whether the city should raise its workers' pay. Cruikshank issued a

public statement recently, opposing the Mayor's proposals for certain raises.

King wrote Cruikshank that important city services were breaking down because of a manpower crisis originating from low salary schedules. He proposed the public debate so that the issues might be clarified on the broadest scale for taxpayers.

Short Shots & Quick Comments

Al Guido, a young man from Harlem, has been trying for three years to gain recognition as a topmost bidder for high honors in the lightweight class. When he "was an amateur" he gained a lot of complimentary notices for his battle with Ray Robinson, whom he knocked down twice in a three round bout, yet lost the decision. Robinson, although an amateur himself was rated high in boxing circles and everybody thought he'd go some place as an professional. He did. They forgot all about young Guido, who flopped him twice but Al kept going on his own without any flashy press notices and just bided his time.

Now he has his chance, after about 40 professional fights, in an ten round bout with the famed Lulu Constantino at the St. Nicholas Rink next Monday night.

"I've just found myself," said Guido the other day after his workout. "I am at my best now and I'm sure that instead of them talking about Lulu going to meet Beau Jack, the lightweight champion and other greats, it'll be me they'll be talking about after Monday night." Such a declaration from the generally silent Guido evoked a lot of surprise and his utterance of confidence marks a new turn in his professional life. Maybe he will and, at least, he will give the speedy

Constantino one of the latter's best fights.

Guido has come along well in the last year under the guidance of Jimmy DeAngelo. Al likes the boxing game but he has further ambitions than those which the ring offers. He has a wife and a kid and he wants to build for them and is fighting now to acquire enough money in which he goes in the furniture business, which has a great lure for him and to further study the art of indoor decorating, which now he practices a bit between bouts.

From what the geography books say, tall trees don't grow in Oklahoma, but quite conspicuously, tall basketball players do. In other words, Hank Iba's Oklahoma Aggies who are paired with City College in the inaugural program of the Madison Square Garden campaign on Tuesday, are strictly in the Western model; they are all big fellows.

The Aggie lineup averages six feet four inches in height, and only one of the five players can walk under six foot doors. He's Bill Hance, who measures five feet eleven inches in his basketball slippers. That seems to be a special recommendation for his playing skill, however, for to get the place in the batting order he had to

Giants Not Misled By Rumored Redskins Injuries

Ignoring Washington reports of numerous Redskins injuries, the Giants continue to drill at top speed for Sunday's big battle in the Capital. The Maramen must win to tie the "Skins for the Eastern championship. That would result in a playoff to decide the team to oppose the Bears in Chicago for the National League crown.

Coach Steve Owen, firm believer in hard work is the best preventive for let-downs, again directed another long, strenuous drill yesterday. It was marked by special attention to forward passing, which was disappointing in the Giants' 14-10 victory over the Washingtons at the Polo Grounds last Sunday.

With Tuffy Leemans and Emery Nix, TCU rookie who looked particularly impressive, pitching. Owen was after the receivers to execute their assignments correctly, especially taking and timing. The Maramen figure to be much improved and Slingin' Sammy Baugh likely will have tougher opposition because of recent knee trouble, or rookie Steve Pritko, who did surprisingly well.

The Giants probable starting backfield will be Tuffy Leemans, Ward Cuff, Leland Shaffer and rookie Bill Paschal, hero of the 14-10 decision. Hank Soar, veteran pass defender, and Dave Brown, Alabama freshman, who also performed splendidly against the Redskins, will be reserved for defensive duties. Owen is undecided whether to start Will Walk, veteran right end, who made only a brief appearance Sunday because of recent knee trouble, or rookie Steve Pritko, who did surprisingly well.

The Maramen will conclude their preparations with a light workout tomorrow morning. They will depart early in the afternoon for Washington. The squad enjoys excellent health and spirits.

Latest statistics show the Giants have a big edge over Washington rushing, but the Redskins have a wider margin passing, because of Baugh and top-ranking receivers. Rushing the Maramen made 62 first downs for 1236 yards to the Redskins' 52 first downs and 1934 yards. Passing the Redskins made 44 first downs, for 1581 yards. The Giants scored 23 first downs, 661 yards. Washington completed 121 of 224 for 545 average; the Giants 99 of 142 for 415 average.

Calif. Groups Join in Fight On Inflation

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Dec. 9.—Part of a nation-wide move to back the war food program, the California Farmer-Labor-Consumer Committee to Combat Inflation is being launched. J. A. Chargin, Sr., heads the Promotion Committee. Mr. Chargin, well known Santa Clara county prune, apricot, pear and walnut grower, and wheelerhorse in the battle of California farmers to hold their land against foreclosure, is also chairman of the California Farm Research and Legislative Committee and on the editorial board of the California Farm Reporter.

A seven point program adopted by the Committee calls for federal aid to expand all farm-to capacity production, support to the President's price stabilization program, government food subsidies, for a tax program that places the tax burden on high incomes, and for representation of farmers on all government bodies dealing with food production and price control.

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crowd the six feet three inch Bill Crowe—and a veteran—to the sidelines. Tallest of the Aggies, and really the Empire State Building of all the basketball players, is Bob "Footballs" Kurland, who measures exactly seven feet North and South. Garden fans remember him from last year. He played only briefly, however, and his real development began in the late season as he gained in basketball knowledge and savvy.

This season, at 220, he is pounds heavier than a year ago, the extra weight finds expression in better co-ordination and increased stamina. In the Aggies opener against Phillips University, for instance, Big Bob played the full forty minutes. He caged seven field goals, and fifteen points in all, as the Aggies recorded a 37 to 22 triumph.

Big men will be on the court in both games of the Tuesday program. As might be expected the Brigham Young Cougars are the six foot type, and LIU's Western Pennsylvania freshmen, Al Blair, and Mike Byrnes, boost the height average of the Brooklyn birds. Almost a rival for Kurland is the six foot seven inch Iv Rothenberg. The Blackbirds and Cougars meet in the first game of the doubleheader, with City and Aggies clashing in the finale.

Lewis Henry Morgan --- A Great American

By Paul Rosas

THIS year marks the 125th anniversary of the birth of Lewis Henry Morgan, author of "Ancient Society" and of Karl Marx, author of "Capital." Though Marx and Morgan grew up on different continents and never met, and their main works deal with different periods of human social evolution, they are linked together by many strong ties. It is Marx's great merit that he discovered the laws of economic and social development of the historic period; while as Frederick Engels said, "It is Morgan's great merit that he discovered and reconstructed in its main lines" the "prehistoric basis of our written history" for "he was the first man with expert knowledge has attempted to introduce a definite order into the history of primitive man."

As a result of Morgan's findings in Ancient Society, published in 1877, as well as of his own and Marx's studies, Engels published in 1883 The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State with the subtitle In the Light of the Researches of Lewis H. Morgan. These two works have since become the two most widely read anthropological books in the world, being translated into many European languages and even some Asiatic ones. Morgan began his studies with the Iroquois Indians. He discovered that their society was essentially democratic and that, unlike civilized

society this its private property and the state organized on a territorial basis, it was organized around kinship groups of close relatives, called gentes. Under the influence of current 19th century evolutionary ideas as expressed by Darwin and Spencer, Morgan assumed that the various forms of existing primitive societies were survivals of earlier stages in the evolution of human society. In trying to arrange his material in an evolutionary sequence, it became clear to him "that the great epochs of human progress have been identified more or less directly with the enlargement of the sources of subsistence." This is the key to the great significance of Morgan's work, for this is its materialistic foundation and it is here that his method approaches the historical materialistic method of Marx and Engels. In fact, Engels went so far as to say, "Morgan in his own way had discovered afresh in America the materialistic conception of history discovered by Marx forty years ago, and in his comparison of barbarism and civilization it had led him, in the main points, to the same conclusions as Marx."

His Findings Have Been Added to

Since Morgan's death, a tremendous amount of new material concerning primitive tribes has been collected. This naturally necessitates the correction of some of his data and a modification and even reversal of certain of his secondary theses. But such a positive reevaluation of Morgan's work is yet to be done though it already has begun in the Soviet Union. In all other countries, including our own, the so-called critics of Morgan, like those of Marx, have been essentially negative. They have been primarily attacks upon his materialistic, evolutionary approach. But it is this very approach which all progressive Americans must defend for it is the foundation of every science, including anthropology.

Some Relationship of Yesterday to Tomorrow

This is a vital issue for anthropology concerns not merely the dead past but the living present and emerging future. For it is only on the basis of an anthropology with an evolutionary approach that a

correct analysis can be made of the fundamental social problems such as those of national minorities and colonial peoples which arise out of the relationship between the economically more advanced peoples and the economically less developed peoples of the world.

Though Morgan's life work dealt mainly with a study of the past, he was also concerned with the present and future. In his social, economic and political views, Morgan was definitely a Jeffersonian democrat. In the few public statements he made on the conflict between capital and labor, he defends the rights of labor. In 1852, speaking before the Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Association, he almost prophetically declared: "When the crisis of our fate as a free Republic shall arise it will be found that the freeholders of the country, who consist principally of farmers, mechanics, and day-laborers, will be the preservers of our institutions, and the defenders of our liberties."

In Paris which he visited a month after the suppression of the Commune, he came out in the defense of the Communards because they "were honest men with patriotic aims." In England he went even further. After talking with a worker in Hyde Park he remarked that the British workmen were "some day rise upon the merchants and traders as well as the aristocrats and push them out of the way in one body." Consequently, in Ancient Society, which he wrote after his European journey, he came to the conclusion that: "A mere property career is not the final destiny of mankind, if progress is to be the law of the future as it has been of the past."

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Literary Lookout

"The Secret of Soviet Strength," the second great book by the Right Reverend Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury and author of that tremendous best-seller, "The Soviet Power," is just off the press!

By beginning my column in this fashion I am merely following the principle of elementary Journalism which was drilled into me as a cub reporter and rewrite man years ago: "Put your punch in your lead." If there isn't "punch" in this "lead," I'll eat my police card.

In fact, I think this is just about the biggest news story of the year, so far as books and reading matter go.

If words, as they say, are bullets, this is an arsenal.

Personally, I had been eagerly awaiting the date of publication ever since I heard, some months back, that the venerable and fighting Dean had a new volume on the press. As the date neared, I kept watching for the postman, hoping it would come that day. Why? Because I needed it so badly, as you need it and we all need it, in fighting the Battle of America here at home.

Well, at last, yesterday morning the postman rang twice, which meant that he had some mail for me too bulky to go in the box. And sure enough, it was the "Dean's book."

—The "Dean's book" No. 2. Despite the fact that I had a busy day ahead of me, a lecture to prepare, a trip to make from Philadelphia to New York, a class to teach, I managed to get through the 180 closely packed pages by 3:00 A.M. today.

I am going through it all again, of course, very slowly and carefully this time, making notes as I go: for that is the way we should all read and use this arsenal of facts which is to help us give better, clearer answers to the question: "Why is it 'those Russians' fight the way they do?" You, I am sure, have felt the need of such a storehouse of information as this, the same as I and everybody else.

You will want to read the book over and over again, until you have these facts at your tongue's tip, in talking to your friends and acquaintances. You will each one, I hope, be prepared to give a talk or conduct a discussion on "The Secret of Soviet Strength," whether your audience be a guest or two who just happened to drop in, a group of fellow workers gathered around you on the job, a union meeting, or a meeting of your Party branch.

That is the only way in which we can repay the Dean for all the love and labor he has put into the compilation of this volume. That, I am certain, is the way he intended it to be used. Remembering always that this is a weapon against the McCormicks, the Hearsts, the Pattersons, the Roy Howards, the Wheelers, the Nyes, the Hoovers, the Tafts, the Lindberghs, the Father Coughlins, the Gerald Smiths, the Norman Thomases, the Dubinskys and all the Hitler-loving, Soviet-hating rabble in our public life today, who are, in a word, the enemies of the American people.

Why do "those Russians" fight the way they do? Read the chapter on "The Moral Secret of Soviet Strength." Read of the five-year plans and how they built the morale of the Soviet peoples. Read of the role of science in Soviet life, the mighty changes that socialized industry has wrought; read of the one-time peasants on the great collective farms, the role of agriculture. The latest facts and figures.

Then go on to Book Two, which deals with "The New Life." The new life which man has at last succeeded in hewing out for himself over one-sixth of the earth's surface. Read the chapters on "Childhood," "Manhood," "Womanhood," "Nationhood." Read of the roads to health, culture, liberty, morality and religion. All of this against the background of the war. Then, in conclusion, read that chapter significantly entitled "The Men Who Did It"; read of Lenin, Stalin and the function and leadership of the Communist Party and the part it is playing in the "Battle of Russia."

One cannot possibly "review" such a book as this within the confines of a column. About all one can do is say: here it is; get it as soon as you possibly can and see for yourselves.

I do, however, wish to discuss in a subsequent column the Dean's chapter on Soviet culture. This, I feel, falls within my domain; and it is, moreover, a vital subject.

For Soviet culture is one of the reasons, one of many, why Hitler's minions are today showing their heels to the forward-sweeping Red Army. They have a cultural front in the U.S.S.R., and never once can it be said that all is quiet there. That is a lesson which we have yet to learn, or which we are only beginning to learn by slow and painful degrees, hampered as we are by the enemy within our gates.

The Soviet Union knew the lesson to begin with, and she can well be our teacher now.

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On the Side of Progress

In practice, he came out for the emancipation of women, of the Indians and of the Negroes. He expressed violent abhorrence of slavery, demanded that the Civil War be carried to the bitter end and that Jefferson Davis and the southern leaders be deprived of their property and expelled from the country. In 1868 he was elected to serve as senator in the New York State Legislature on a platform which denounced President Johnson's compromise plan favoring the defeated slave owners of the South. To him all forms of oppression were hateful blemishes on our American institutions which he considered the most advanced of any country in the world because they were politically, socially and economically the most democratic.

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VULTURE'S NEST



C. E. Wilson's Warning

FAILURE of America to sit up and take notice of the speech of Charles E. Wilson at the National Association of Manufacturers' congress Wednesday may prove disastrous.

As a leading industrialist and executive vice-chairman of the War Production Board, he is intimately acquainted with what goes on in the minds and hearts of American businessmen.

When a man like that warns us that "certain sections of capital" are trying to promote "right-wing reaction," it should be a tip-off that the fascist forces within our nation are extremely powerful and immediately dangerous.

He also told the NAM crowd, in effect, to quit giving "encouragement" to "dangerous men who preach disunity." He described graphically how these "dangerous men" are "trying to break through the skin of democracy and suck the life blood out of it."

He didn't mention specifically to whom he was referring, but there are clues. Thus, he speaks of those who are using the 1944 elections to stir up "passions and prejudices" in order to split the nation's unity behind the war effort.

Who are stirring up "passions and prejudices" which divide the nation's unity behind the war effort? Clearly, it is those who are trying, under one false slogan or another, to split the country from its war leadership. It is that crowd which digs up phony issues to use against the Administration policy of close unity with the Soviet Union, Britain and the other United Nations. It is that crowd which, for the sake of partisan advantage, deliberately distorts and struggles against the internal war measures of the government.

The Patterson-McCormick and Hearst press are among its loudest members. Hoover and Landon are among its most prominent spokesmen.

Yesterday the press intimated that Hoover had spanked Landon for speaking too bluntly against the Moscow Conference decisions and against the idea of an identical platform on foreign policy with the Democrats. According to Hoover, the GOP leadership is not against these things. It is simply against "committing itself" now until it knows more details.

This position is essentially no different from Landon's attack on the Moscow decisions. Landon said that Moscow was a triumph for Stalin and a defeat for the U.S. because Stalin got what he "wanted," referring to the so-called "border" issue. Hoover says, in effect, "we'll wait and see," implying that if the "border" question is not "solved" to his "satisfaction," they will attack then. Since the whole issue was manufactured as a weapon against United Nations unity, his game is obvious.

One other aspect of Wilson's speech is worth noting. He warns of the hard war ahead and of the fact that war production must be stepped up. He condemns, therefore, those industrialists who are jockeying for post-war position at the expense of the war effort. This gives us a glimpse of what is going on in Washington. Grasping interests are knifing the nation in order to gain advantage over the men who are doing the fighting and over patriotic employers.

Wilson's address reveals that the reac-

tionary NAM leadership does not speak for all industry. Actually it speaks for only a minor section of the employers. His warning is, however, a serious danger signal for labor to sink its own differences and to unite as quickly as possible with all other patriotic sections of the nation, including business, behind the President and his victory policies.

Same Old Tunes

THE applause for the Tehran decisions is still ringing throughout the land. The country, we think agrees in this instance with Marshal Smuts, when he says that Tehran and Cairo were "the most significant conferences in the last 100 years."

But not everybody is happy. The N. Y. Daily News was driven last Wednesday to the unusually moronic conclusion that Tehran would prolong the war—when the evidence is exactly the opposite. Hearst returns to his nauseous cry, "Japan First"—when even a child can see that coordinated blows to crush Hitler will leave Japan isolated in the face of our growing and projected Far Eastern offensives. The Republican leaders have also had their say. Thomas Dewey speaks volumes by letting Landon do the talking. And Herbert Hoover shows where he stands by pathetically covering up for Landon's too-indiscreet attack on the Moscow declarations.

Equally nauseating, though more unexpected, are the reactions of two columnists for the N. Y. Post—Edgar Ansel Mower regrets that Stalin, Roosevelt, and Churchill did not satisfy the speculations of those journalistic crystal-gazers who were so damn sure for days that the conference would produce an appeal to the German people. And why not a word on Poland? asks Mower. And he works up quite a lather over the phrase "world family of democratic nations" which somehow in his mind scuttles the idea of United Nations.

But he finally gets to his point. The communiqué was too "Russian in form, Kremlinian in phraseology, and Oriental in obscurity." It satisfies the Russians—and therefore cannot be in the American and British interest as well! That's the nub of his position. And a churlish, incredible thing it is in the N. Y. Post.

Dorothy Thompson on Wednesday goes even further. "The American people want to know what they're fighting for," she cries. "They don't trust Papa. They want principles." So there was no principle at Tehran? The principle of Anglo-Soviet-American unity is not enough; the principle of coordinated blows from east and west, not enough; the principle of an enduring peace—just a triviality! As in Mower's case, it isn't hard to find Miss Thompson's essential point: it seems that the "Russians are not accustomed to public discussion... Stalin doesn't have to answer to Congress and Parliament"... and more of such primitive anti-Soviet baloney.

Miss Thompson and Mr. Mower seem to be eating their hearts out that Stalin, Roosevelt and Churchill decline to consult these worthies on their agenda, and how much of it ought to be published at this time. But that is a too generous interpretation of this incredible exhibition of spleen after one of the most profound, momentous events of our time. These voices are raucous, but they harmonize strangely with the beating of the drums from Hearst, McCormick, Patterson, and Herbert Hoover.

THEY'RE SAYING IN WASHINGTON

Poll-Taxers' Threat

By Adam Lapin

Daily Worker Washington Bureau, Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.

IT is easy enough to understand why 18 Republican Senators voted against the Lucas-Green soldier vote bill. They were convinced that the nation's servicemen would pile up substantial majorities for the Roosevelt administration, and as usual they placed politics before the war effort.

The Republicans had advance knowledge of a Gallup poll which showed an almost two to one margin for the Democrats in the armed forces. They knew because Dr. George Gallup had sent a confidential memorandum on his survey to newspapers, including plenty of Republican persuasion, several weeks before he made his poll public. So they decided they'd be better off if 10,000,000 soldiers didn't vote.

But why did every Southern Senator with the exception of Claude Pepper of Florida line up with the Republicans? Why did the poll tax Democrats agree to do the dirty work for the Republicans? We can, of course, dismiss the lengthy state's rights speeches as so much verbiage, and a couple of potent immediate factors emerge to the surface.

CONGRESS has already acted to repeal the poll tax qualification for soldiers. This doesn't mean anything as long as soldiers don't vote. And only 27,000 voted in 1942. State election laws prevented a single soldier from voting. And only 89 votes of servicemen were counted in Mississippi.

But if effective soldier vote machinery is set up, then last year's action by Congress becomes the entering wedge against the poll tax system as a whole.

There is another immediate factor. The Southern Democrats need the support of Republican Senators to kill the anti-poll tax bill. There is no doubt that they have now obtained sufficient Re-

publican votes to defeat closure against a filibuster.

The desire of the Southern Democrats to defeat the anti-poll tax bill influenced their decision. There isn't any question about that. But it seems to me that this is not the whole story.

The fact is that the Southern Senators have taken a step which may throw the 1944 election to the Republicans. This is a serious step. And I do not believe that wily Southern Senators took it without a full realization of the consequences.

SENATOR JOSIAH W. BAILEY, that pious friend of the North Carolina tobacco and power interests, has given us a glimpse of what is going on in the minds of the most reactionary Southern Democrats. Bailey threatened a new party of Southern Democrats which would throw the 1944 election into the House.

This is not a wholly new idea for Bailey. Secretary Ickes revealed that during the 1938 Congressional elections Bailey met with Herbert Hoover. And, according to Ickes, the North Carolina Democrat was offered the Republican nomination in 1940.

A more recent development has been the Byrd-for-President movement which is being fostered in several Southern States and is backed by Jim Farley. This would tie in neatly with a new Southern party designed to win the 1944 election for the Republicans.

These are pressure moves, of course. The minimum demand of the Byrd backers undoubtedly is that Wallace be scuttled as the President's running mate. And then the poll taxers have lots of immediate legislative demands.

But it seems to me that the possibility of a bolt by the poll tax Democrats cannot be wholly dismissed. Their alliance with the Republicans is developing. They are worried about the growth of new progressive po-

litical movements in the South. They fear that their grip is weakening. And some of them may be ready for a desperate political gamble which will perpetuate their power.

THERE has been a tendency in the administration to meet the threats of the poll tax Democrats with appeasement. James F. Byrnes, who was one of the most reactionary poll tax Senators, was given one of the highest posts in the administration. But they have obviously not been appeased. On the contrary, they are growing more arrogant.

The dangers of appealing poll tax reaction can be seen in the case of Senator Lister Hill of Alabama, who is probably the most liberal Senator from a poll tax state. Hill faces stiff opposition in his primary next year. Powerful industrial interests are backing a reactionary corporation lawyer called James Simpson. And Hill has retreated on issue after issue. He was one of those who voted against the soldier vote bill. He voted for the Smith-Connally Act.

The effect has been to weaken the campaign for Hill, to demoralize the unity of the labor and progressive forces of Alabama. There is gossip in the capital that the forces backing Simpson may enter a couple of candidates in the field who will masquerade as liberals and exploit Hill's mistakes. John L. Lewis' boys in Alabama are said to be playing with the idea of supporting Hugh Locke, law partner of Horace Wilkinson who started the vicious "white supremacy" movement last year.

There isn't any question that the revolt of the poll taxers confronts the administration with serious problems. But the poll taxers' threats can't be met with appeasement. They can be met only with a firm stand, and with encouragement of those forces in the South that will really stand behind the administration and the war effort.

Letters From Our Readers

Relief for Spanish Loyalists

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The following is from a very solid ex-merchant seaman who has been in the Mediterranean area for nearly a year, and is a trustworthy reporter. Maybe you can use this, or pass it on to the organization that can.

The letter, dated Aug. 2, says: Was ashore today and had a very good liberty. The only sad note was that some of my companions had just been released from a prison in which they had spent anywhere from 14 months to three years simply because they were honest supporters of the Spanish Loyalist government.

Their condition was indeed pitiful as they were without all the necessities of life. I wanted to help them in the worst way, but unfortunately there was nothing I could do.

If only the United Spanish Relief

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or some other outfit could help them! There must be someone who will give them succor.

V. V.

Ed. Note: This letter was written shortly after the Spanish Republican prisoners were released. Since that time, the successor of the United Spanish Relief—that is, the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee—has taken steps toward aiding the prisoners. Relief is now reaching them, we are happy to report.

What Will Happen After the War

Far Rockaway, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I'm puzzled. To me it seems like we are headed for another depression and yet not much talk has been devoted to how to prevent it. After the war, we will have ten million men coming back from the battlefields. We will have millions of others driven out of defense work. What will be done with this excess manpower? Should we go back to Hoover's ingenious idea of selling apples on street corners or should we even better his solution?

THEODORE GRANSER.

Ed. Note: There is every reason to expect that we shall have a much better solution than did the Hoover regime. By getting together in support of the Commander-in-Chief, labor and people can lay the foundation for a just and adequate post-war peace and a secure post-war world.

The Only Paper That Pioneered For Unemployment Insurance

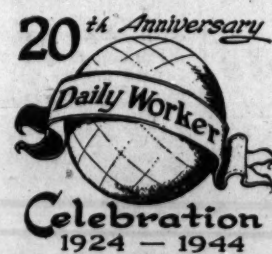
By Harry Raymond

Today government unemployment insurance, like the sunrise and sunset, is accepted as a routine fact of our daily life. But this was not always so. It was not so as recently as the late 1920's and early 1930's of the Hoover period—those dark, bleak days of economic crisis and mass unemployment. To the Tories and reactionaries who ruled the roost at that time unemployment insurance spelled "revolution," a catastrophic departure from the status quo, death to individual initiative and a blow at rugged individualism. It was as unpopular to them then as food subsidies are to them today. And it was finally won by the people after long years of hard and bitter struggle and nation-wide organization seldom matched in our history.

The fight for unemployment insurance, launched by workers' groups early in the century, reached its climax on March 6, 1930, when a million and a quarter workers rallied in monster demonstrations throughout the nation. Under the direct leadership of the Communist Party, the Trade Union Unity League and the Unemployed Councils, these demonstrations made government unemployment relief and social insurance the outstanding living political issue.

TURNING POINT

"March 6," says William Z. Foster in his book *Pages From a Worker's Life*, "was one of the historic days in the long struggle of the American proletariat."



On that day—one I will never forget—workers of the land expressed their political will in no uncertain terms. It marked a turning point toward a new era of labor and social legislation.

Largest of the coast-to-coast March 6 demonstrations took place on Union Square, New York City. One hundred and ten thousand persons participated in it. Days before it took place the Daily Worker, the only daily newspaper supporting the demands of the country's 8,000,000 jobless, printed the call of the rallies issued by the Communist Party, Trade Union Unity League and Unemployed Councils.

The other metropolitan press raged against the demands of the unemployed. Mayor James J. Walker denied the demonstrators permission to march down Broadway to City Hall. Police Commissioner Grover Whalen announced he would break up any parade with force. He mobilized 18,000 policemen and 7,000 firemen and threatened bloodshed. But the workers

defied this assault on their civil liberties and started their march anyway.

POLICE ATTACK

The police attacked with force, clubbing unarmed workers. But in the uneven battle that ensued tens of thousands pushed their way down Broadway to City Hall where their elected delegation headed by William Z. Foster and including Robert Minor, then editor of the Daily Worker, Israel Amter and this correspondent were arrested attempting to present a resolution of the demonstration to Mayor Walker.

All the force of law was used illegally against the delegation. We were charged with felonious assault, inciting to riot and unlawful assembly and were finally sentenced to three-year indefinite terms in the New York Penitentiary of which we served less than a year.

But force and brutality failed to suppress the fight for unemployment insurance. The struggle grew and spread. March 6 was followed by giant hunger marches to Washington. The nation and its leaders were made conscious of their duty to the unemployed. And later during the Roosevelt administration, a social security system was established as part of the law of the land. A hard fight and not soft words won this campaign.

And it was during this great struggle that the Communist Party became the recognized leader of great masses of American working men and women. The Daily Worker was the mouthpiece of these masses.

Change the World

By MIKE GOLD

ON DECEMBER 10, 1789 there was held in Flatbush the funeral of a certain wealthy resident of the town. For this burying party history records that his relatives purchased the following essentials:

Item: Twenty gallons of Good Wine; Item: 2 gallons of Hard Spirits; Item: 1 large loaf Lump Sugar; Item: 1/2 doz. Nutmegs; Item: 1/2 gross Long Pipes; Item: 4 lbs. Good Tobacco; Item: 1 1/2 doz. of Black Silk Handkerchiefs.

Alas, for these modern days of Item: Bootleg Whiskey and Adulterated Wine; and Item: Salt-petered Tobacco Treated With Apple Honey, etc.!

Otherwise, were the honest old ingredients to hand, I would certainly be throwing the biggest funeral party you ever saw to celebrate the death of the Munich world!

Ye olde anti-Soviet racket is defunct and putrid at last! The Tehran conference has shown to all America that Russia is a land full of a couple of hundred million strong democratic, pleasant and brave human beings. They fight on our side, and they want to be our friends in peace as well as in war.

Murrah for the Truth of Tehran! And let's dance a jig and let's wet the grave of the fork-tongued "Russian experts"!

No longer can they clog all wires with phony dispatches giving "inside news" from Russia under a Riga or Berlin dateline!

No longer will they buy from Isaac Don Levine instalments of his old pot-boiling thriller, "My Escape From the Soviets" and peddle it over America to glib clubmen and slaphappy magazine editors out for a little cheap sensation.

Nazi agents like "Jan Valtin" will have to devise new methods for winning a place in the affections of sucker America.

The anti-Soviet lie can no longer serve as a liberal passport in America, thank God!

Nobody will pay Louis Fischer a dollar or a dime for his Trotskyist indignation about the execution of those poor, dear, alleged "Old Bolsheviks" whom the Gestapo found so useful as a Fifth Column.

And what is to become of those critics and authors whom jumped the ship because they fancied it was sinking? What importance to the political thought of the present hour or to the permanent and passionate constructions of our native literature can be their monomaniacal hatred of a legendary devil named Stalin? This was the miserable and puny stock in trade of many former liberal writers and artists. Now they are left with nothing but the novel or Dostoevsky!

* Your children and mine will grow up with straight limbs, clear eyes and a worth-while future if we nourish all that has been planted at Tehran.

The sacred tree of harmony will cover man's world if the warm sun of the new alliance keeps shining.

This Tehran conference spells the doom of Hitlerism. It also promises a century of peace, of creative labor and world friendship.

A glorious promise is contained in the Truth of Tehran!

And the majority of plain Americans have already seen and rejoiced. A mighty wave of joy and confidence spread over America since news came of the historic meeting.

The people know. The people feel how the world's weather changes. The American people will learn to love the true Russia as the British have learned it. We are at the beginning of a new time of friendship and mutual aid.

But there in the dark corner under the festive board, what dirty little dog is snivelling its doubt and distrust of Tehran?

Brother, it is Fido himself, the former "Russian expert"!

Maybe I had better not yet order those 20 gallons of Wine and Nutmeg for his funeral party. Listen, he is howling and shrieking worse than ever. He is being super-duper idealistic about Tehran, the dirty dog!

The Tehran conference was undemocratic, he says. Churchill and Roosevelt sold out the little nations, and put Europe into the hands of Russia.

"Let us form a federation of the European democracies to oppose this coalition of the oppressive non-European giants now," says the dog.

It is a criticism to the Tehran conference—the only answer so far. But is it art? Can Goebbels sell it as legitimate stuff to the people of Europe? He has sold it to the N. Y. Evening Post, but can he sell it even to Turkey?

5 Years Ago Today In the Daily Worker

DECEMBER 10, 1938

EARL BROWDER, general secretary of the Communist Party, speaking on the Munich betrayal and its consequences, calls for the establishment of American-Soviet friendship as the bulwark of world peace.

"Today, as never before, the fate of the world depends on the role that will be played by these two greatest powers in the world; more than ever this depends on the collaboration of these two powers for their common aims. The Soviet Union and the United States have common problems, common interests and common enemies. This is the central fact of the new world situation."

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